

# BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

## Open Session Agenda

September 20, 2021

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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Board of Occupational Therapy - Open Session

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#### **BOOT Mission Statement:**

**"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through provision of health care services."**

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	<b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b>	
OS-0920-01	<b><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></b>  <b><u>Board action:</u></b> Acceptance of the June 21, 2021 Open Session	
OS-0920-02	<b><u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b>	
OS-0920-03	<b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the New Executive Director</li> <li>• Operational Status Update</li> <li>• Update related to the Licensure Wavier</li> <li>• Update regarding the HORA Revisions</li> <li>• NBCOT State Regulatory Leadership Forum</li> <li>• Board vacancies</li> <li>• Licensure Census</li> <li>• Licensure Renewals</li> <li>• December Meeting Date</li> </ul>	
OS-0920-04	<b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></b>  Update regarding continuing education rulemaking.	
OS-0920-05	<b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting.	
OS-0920-06	<b><u>REVIEW- DRAFT FALL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.  <b><u>Background:</u></b> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.	
OS-0920-07	<b><u>CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REVIEW</u></b>	

	<p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Shyamala Gopalan is a Continuing Education Coordinator for The Capital Hand Therapy Association. Ms. Gopalan has submitted a Continuing Education Application for the Board to review virtual courses for Occupational Therapy applicants.</p>	
OS-0920-08	<p><b><u>CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REVIEW</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> DCPS Related Services Department will be hosting a professional development training on Mindfulness on October 8, 2021. The instructor is Dr. Jessica Phillips-Silver from Georgetown University's Neuroscience Department.</p>	
OS-0920-09	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.</p>	
OS-0920-010	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant of the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the</p>	

	Board will moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations	
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**The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2021.**

***This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).***

## OPEN SESSION FYI – NO ACTION NEEDED

FYI-OS-0920-01	<p><b><u>DC HEALTH COVID-19 PANDEMIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE RECOVERY REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> On May 28, 2021, Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt shared the DC Health public health framework for post-pandemic recovery. The report provides an assessment of the District's current and emerging health needs while offering solutions for improving our health system in five domains: workforce, healthcare facilities, health information technology, health planning, and community health service and offers recommendations for collective post - pandemic recovery through the strategic investments in high-impact programs and policies.</p>	
FYI-OS-0920-02	<p><b><u>COVID-19 VACCINE CONTINUING EDUCATION CEU REQUIREMENT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> DC Health through emergency rulemaking, has now mandated that a person licensed to practice one of the identified professions (see Appendix) must complete two (2) hours of continuing education on COVID-19 vaccines, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 vaccine safety, best practices for counseling patients about COVID-19 vaccines, and COVID-19 vaccine efficacy and effectiveness, on or before September 30, 2021. These hours of continuing education may be counted as hours required for public health priorities training hours or optional training hours where applicable.</p>	
FYI-OS-0920-03	<p><b><u>EXPIRATION OF LICENSURE WAIVER</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The licensure waiver expired on July 25, 2021. Out of state licensees using the waiver, have 60-days from July 25, 2021 to finalize services with DC residents and/or become licensed in DC. At this time, the waiver has not been extended.</p>	
FYI-OS-0920-04	<p><b><u>COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND UNLICENSED HEALTHCARE WORKERS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p>	

	All licensed, certified, and registered health professionals and all unlicensed healthcare workers must fulfill the requirement to receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) or the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine no later than September 30, 2021. Failure to meet this requirement can result in disciplinary action including suspension and revocation of a health Professional's license, certification, or registration.	
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